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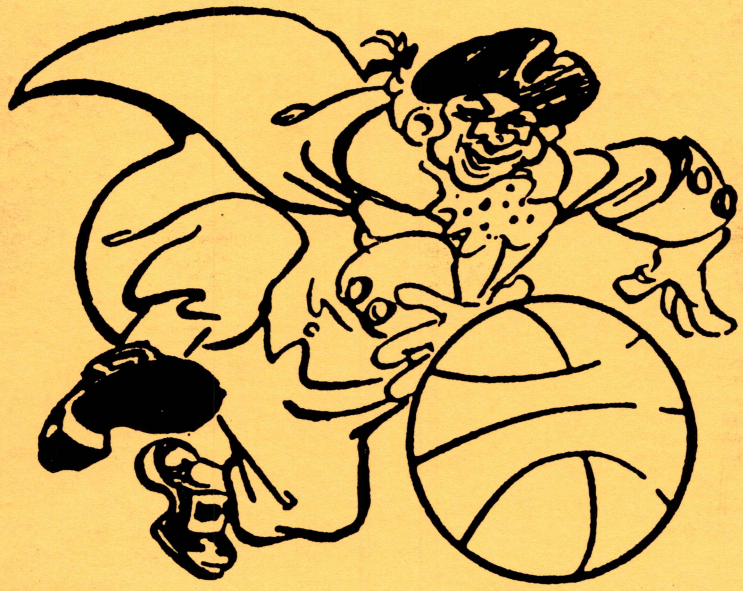

1952-53 GAME SCORES

KEY: H—Home Game; V-Away Game; N—Neutral Game; *—Overtime Period

NEW YORK

69 Baltimore	53 H
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100 Minneapolis	91 H
79 Boston	68 H
83 Fort Wayne	112 V
90 Indianapolis	100 V
72 Indianapolis	67 N
98 Syracuse	68 H
73 Syracuse	76 V
94 Baltimore	92 V
104 Baltimore	92 N
94 Indianapolis	72 H
89 Philadelphia	82 V*
100 Philadelphia	75 N
71 Minneapolis	81 H
78 Minneapolis	85 V*
91 Fort Wayne	102 V
75 Rochester	77 H
99 Rochester	97 V*
74 Milwaukee	69 V
98 Syracuse	93 H*
102 Baltimore	99 V*
102 Baltimore	77 H
80 Milwaukee	75 N
97 Boston	84 H
91 Fort Wayne	92 N
72 Philadelphia	54 H
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85 Syracuse	77 H*
100 Boston	103 V
93 Syracuse	114 N
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86 Milwaukee	67 H
66 Boston	69 N
85 Philadelphia	69 H
83 Boston	87 V*
79 Minneapolis	63 H
71 Rochester	79 N*
85 Fort Wayne	74 H
64 Syracuse	79 V
109 Rochester	88 H
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78 Boston	89 H
113 Baltimore	107 N***
90 Philadelphia	85 V
81 Syracuse	95 H
69 Fort Wayne	81 V
80 Baltimore	62 H
90 Baltimore	81 V
95 Boston	91 H
70 Boston	86 V
101 Boston	82 H
82 Boston	75 V
96 Minneapolis	88 N
71 Minneapolis	73 N
75 Minneapolis	90 H
69 Minneapolis	71 H
84 Minneapolis	91 H

1953-54 NEW YORK KNICKERBOCKERS

NO.		AGE	HT.	WT.	COLLEGE	HOME
3	Buddy Ackerman	22	6-0	175	Long Island U.	Rockaway, N.Y.
4	Carl Braun	25	6-5	180	Colgate	Roslyn Hts., N.Y.
8	Sweetwater Clifton	29	6-7	220	Xavier (N.O.)	Wyandanch, N.Y.
9	Ernie Vandeweghe	25	6-3	195	Colgate	New York City
10	Jim Baechtold	25	6-4	205	Eastern Ky.	Coraopolis, Pa.
11	Harry Gallatin	26	6-6	210	NE Mo. State	Wood River, Ill.
12	Vince Boryla	26	6-5	212	Notre Dame Denver	Denver, Col.
14	Ed Smith	24	6-6	210	Harvard	Columbus, Ohio
15	Dick McGuire	27	6-0	180	St. John's	Rockaway, N.Y.
16	Al McGuire	25	6-2	185	St. John's	Rockaway, N.Y.
18	Connie Simmons	28	6-8	225	----------	Bayside, N.Y.
	DICK ATHA	22	6-2	190	INDIANA STATE COL.	OTTERBEIN, IND.
	MIELD GORDON	22	6-6	192	FURMAN	WASHINGTON, D.C.

Coach-----Joe Lapchick

Trainer---Don Frederichs

Publicity----------Lester Scott

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COACH JOE LAPCHICK

The popular Joe Lapchick, one of basketball's immortals as a member of the famous Original Celtics, is in his seventh season as coach of the New York Knickerbockers. The past three years, 1951 through 1953, Lapchick directed the Madison Square Garden dribblers to the National Basketball Assn., playoff finals. In 1951 the Knicks bowed to the Rochester Royals, 4 victories to 3; in 1952 to the Minneapolis Lakers by the same margin, and in 1953 again to the Lakers, 4 to 1. For the regular 1952-53 campaign the Knicks finished first in the eastern division. They gained the playoff finals by eliminating the Baltimore Bullets and the Boston Celtics.

The eastern division title was the first such for the Knicks under Lapchick. His first three years at the helm they finished second and the next two third. In their inaugural campaign, 1946-47, the New Yorkers were handled by Neil Cohalan, as Lapchick was still at St. John's University in Brooklyn.

During Lapchick's six seasons the Knickerbockers won 218, lost 160 for the regular schedules. In the six playoffs they won 29, dropped 24. He was twice coach of the East team in the NBA's annual East-West Classic, winning in Boston in 1951, 111-94, losing at Ft. Wayne in 1953, 79-75.

Lapchick came to the Knicks in 1947 after 11 years at St. John's where he and his Brooklyn Redmen gained national recognition for their court prowess. Under Lapchick St. John's won four New York City titles and qualified for seven National Invitation Tournaments, winning that championship in 1943 and 1944. Lapchick is the only coach to have captured the Invitation in successive years, and his seven participations are another record. His St. John's teams won 181 games, lost 53 for a .773 percentage. His Invitation record was 9 won, 6 lost.

Joe is 53 years old. He was born, raised and still lives in Yonkers, N.Y. He has three children, Joe, Jr., in his final year at West Point and a tackle on the football squad; Barbara Ann, a Barnard student and photographer's model, and Richard, aged 8.

Lapchick broke in as a pro with the Hollywood Inn quint of Yonkers. He then played with Holyoke, Schenectady and the Brooklyn Visitations. In 1922 he signed with the Original Celtics and was the center of that colorful outfit until 1927 when the old American League disbanded. He joined the Cleveland Rosenblooms and helped them take two titles, then moving to Toledo for one campaign as player-manager. In 1930, he reorganized the Celtics and they toured until 1936 when he took over the coaching post at St. John's, ending an 11-year association with the Celtics. Among his prize developments at St. John's were Fuzzy Levane, now coach of the Milwaukee Hawks, Dutch Garfinkle, Dick McGuire, of the New York Knicks, Harry Boykoff, Gerry Bush and Jim White. Joe's hobby is gardening and his most popular relaxation, golf.

Coach Joe Lapchick

KNICKERBOCKER RECORD

Year	Games Won	Games Lost	Pct.	Finish
1947-48	26	22	.542	Second
1948-49	32	28	.533	Second
1949-50	40	28	.588	Second
1950-51	36	30	.545	Third
1951-52	37	29	.560	Third
1952-53	47	23	.671	First
	218	160		

KNICKERBOCKER PLAY-OFF RECORD

Year	Games Won	Games Lost
1948	1	2
1949	3	3
1950	3	2
1951	8	6
1952	8	6
1953	6	5
	29	24

LAPCHICK'S RECORD AT ST. JOHN'S

Year	Games Won	Games Lost	Pct.
1936-37	13	6	.684
1937-38	15	4	.789
1938-39	18	4	.818
1939-40	15	4	.789
1940-41	11	6	.647
1941-42	16	5	.761
1942-43	21	3	.875
1943-44	18	5	.782
1944-45	21	3	.875
1945-46	17	6	.739
1946-47	16	7	.695
Total 11 Seasons	181	53	.773

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT RECORD AT ST. JOHN'S

Year	Games Won	Games Lost
** 1939	1	2
1940	0	1
* 1943	3	0
* 1944	3	0
** 1945	2	1
1946	0	1
1947	0	1
Total 7 tournaments in 11 seasons.	9	6

* Won Invitation Championship
** Lost in semi-final round

VINCE BORYLA

Age--26, born in East Chicago, Ill., March 11, 1927.
Height--6-5. Weight--212.
Home--Denver, Col. College--Notre Dame (2 yrs.) Denver (1 yr.)

Service record--2 years, 3 months in Navy and Army.

Fifth season with Knicks, team captain last year. Never averaged under double figures in last four pro campaigns. Led Knicks in 1950-51 with 982 points for 14.9 average. Knee injuries kept him out of 38 contests in 1951-52, yet averaged 11.9 for 42 games. Last season made 673 for 10.2. Outstanding in 1951 playoffs, scoring 217 points in 14 games for 15.5 average, converting 51 of 56 foul shots.

All-American at Notre Dame and Denver and winner of 1949 Gold Star Award given annually by New York City basketball writers to outstanding visiting player.

Fourth highest collegiate scorer in nation in 1948-49 with 624 points for 18.9 average in 33 games at Denver U. His 36 points against St. John's was top performance in Madison Square Garden that season. Broke four Notre Dame records as freshman in 1944-45, including 31 for single game and 322 for season.

All-state scholastic center at Washington High, East Chicago, in 1943-44. Spring of 1945 received appointment to U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, but resigned after six months and re-entered Notre Dame. End of that term he enlisted in the Army, serving 18 months. Played AAU basketball with Denver Nuggets two years, winning All-American AAU first team rating each season. Member of 1948 U. S. court team which won Olympic title at London. Married, two children. Operates boys camp at Denver in off-season.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1949-50	59	612	10.4	95	1950	5	75	15.0	7
1950-51	66	982*	14.9	182	1951	14	217	15.5	37
1951-52	42	500	11.9	90	1952	Injured--Did Not Play			
1952-53	66	673	10.2	166	1953	11	117	10.6	20

*Team Leader

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CARL BRAUN

Age--26, born Feb. 25, 1927 in Brooklyn.
Height--6-5. Weight--190.
Home--Roslyn Heights, Long Island. College--Colgate.

Service record--Merchant Marine 6 months, Army 2 years.

Fifth season with Knicks. Led team in scoring all four previous campaigns, three prior to Army induction in Fall of 1950. Last season totalled 977 points in 70 games for 14.0 average, 11th best in NBA. Also top Knick in 1953 playoffs with 148 points in 11 games for 13.5 average, an honor he achieved previously in playoffs of 1949 and 1950. Fourth best foul shooter in league last winter with 82.5 pct. Runner-up to Dick McGuire for team assists with 243.

Signed with New York in 1947 and took team scoring crown in freshman year with 671 points in 47 games. His 47 points against Providence that season was then a league record. Best campaign was 1949-50 when he totalled 1,031 points for 15.4 average, seventh best in NBA. Once held all-time Colgate scoring mark, 296 points in 16 games made as freshman there in 1945-46. Held Long Island scholastic record of 396 points in 17 games while at Garden City High.

A pitcher, he was signed by the New York Yankees in 1947 and assigned to Newark. Quit organized baseball in 1948. Hobby is golf, shoots in 70s. Married.

Played service basketball at Fort Bragg, N. C., averaging 31.0 points for 24 games in 1950-51, and 32.0 in 34 games in 1951-52. Named most valuable player in Third Army Tournament in 1952, scoring 151 points in five games and making 36 of 38 foul shots.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1947-48	47	671*	14.2	61	1948	3	30	10.0	2
1948-49	57	810*	14.2	173	1949	6	116*	19.3	19
1949-50	57	1031*	15.4	247	1950	5	85*	17.0	19
1952-53	70	977*	14.0	243	1953	11	148*	13.5	31
	*Team Leader					*Team Leader			

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SWEETWATER CLIFTON

Age--29, born Oct. 13, 1924 in Chicago.
Height--6-7. Weight--220.
Home--Wyandanch, N.Y. College--Xavier of New Orleans.

Service record--3 years in Army, 2½ years overseas.

Fourth season with New York after two years with Harlem Globetrotters. Still tours foreign countries with Trotters in Summer months. Tremendous rebounder and ball handler. Very fast for size. Third Knick in scoring last season with 744 points for 10.6 average, third to Dick McGuire and Carl Braun in assists. New York's top rebounder in 1951-52 with 731, seventh high in NBA, also team's rebound leader in 1953 playoffs with 140 in 11 games.

Former first baseman in Cleveland Indians' farm system. Quit baseball in 1950 after hitting .304 for Wilkes-Barre. Native of Chicago, but purchased home on Long Island past Summer. Married, two children.

He and teammate Harry Gallatin were the best rebounds duo in the NBA last winter with total of 1,677.

Right name is Clifton Nathaniel, changed it to Nat Clifton while at DuSable High in Chicago. Largest hands in basketball. Very popular with teammates. Given "Sweetwater" nickname because of his fondness for soft drinks.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1950-51	65	562	8.6	162	1951	14	100	7.1	46
1951-52	62	658	10.6	209	1952	14	132	9.4	34
1952-53	70	744	10.6	231	1953	11	132	12.0	39

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HARRY GALLATIN

Age--26, born April 26, 1927 in Wood River, Ill.
Height--6-6. Weight--210.
Home--Wood River, Ill. College--N.E. Missouri State.

Service record--15 months in Navy, 9 months overseas.

Sixth season with New York. One of pro league's greatest rebounders. Fourth last year with 916 in 70 games, though conceding as much as five inches in height to opposing centers. He and teammate Sweetwater Clifton formed best rebounds combination in NBA last season, taking joint total of 1,677 to 1,661 for Minneapolis' George Mikan and Vern Mikkelsen. Third in field goal percentage last winter, 44.4. Scored 865 points for 12.4 average. Knicks' second best scorer four straight campaigns. Hasn't missed a game since joining New York, playing 372 straight, including 50 playoff tests.

Had second best field goal percentage in NBA in 1951-52, 44.2. Fifth in 1950-51 with 41.6. Led Knicks in rebounds in 1951 and 1952 playoffs, runner-up to Clifton in 1953 games. Has never averaged under double figures in five consecutive playoffs scoring.

Joined Knicks in 1948. Led Northeast Missouri State in scoring in 1947-48 with 465 points for 15.0 average. All-MIAA Conference selection two years. For 1946-47 and 1947-48 Northeast won 64, lost only 4.

Pitched for Decatur, Chicago Cubs' farm club, two years, but left baseball and the past three Summers attended the Univ. of Iowa. Married, two children.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1948-49	52	434	8.3	63	1949	6	72	12.0	10
1949-50	68	803	11.8	56	1950	5	65	13.0	6
1950-51	66	845	12.8	180	1951	14	165	11.8	26
1951-52	66	741	11.2	115	1952	14	151	10.8	19
1952-53	70	865	12.4	126	1953	11	116	10.5	15

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ERNIE VANDEWEGHE

Age--25, born Sept. 12, 1928 in Canada
Height--6-3. Weight--195.
Home--Oceanside, N. Y. College--Colgate

Fourth year with Knicks. Completed medical studies last season at Columbia University and is now interne at New York's Bellevue Hospital. Truly great all-around courtman. Scored 731 points in 61 games last season for 12.0 average. Fifth in league in field goal percentage, 43.5. Made 144 points in 11 playoff games for 13.1 average.

Once held all-time Colgate scoring record, 397 points in senior year, 1948-49, breaking his own marks set in sophomore and junior seasons. Four-year Colgate total was 1,377 for 19 average. Fifth nationally in average points in 1948-49 with 20.9.

As Colgate freshman played in first East-West All Star Game in Madison Square Garden and won most valuable player award in competition with such stars as Kenny Sailors, Bob Kurland, Ernie Calverley, Don Otten, Leo Klier and Harry Boykoff. Also played in 1949 All Star.

All-around athlete, played basketball, football, scccer and baseball at Oceanside High, N. Y. Scores well in golf. He and Carl Braun, Knicks' leading scorer, were teammates at Colgate. The past Summer Ernie married Colleen Kay Hutchins, sister of Mel Hutchins, of Ft. Wayne Pistons, and Miss America of 1951.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1949-50	42	421	10.0	78	1950	4	32	8.0	3
1950-51	44	338	7.7	121	1951	14	101	7.2	34
1951-52	57	524	9.2	164	1952	14	151	10.8	27
1952-53	61	731	12.0	144	1953	11	144	13.1	27

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CONNIE SIMMONS

Age--28, born March 15, 1925 in Newark, N.J.
Height--6-8. Weight--225.
Home--Bayside, N. Y. College--None.

Service record--3 years in Army, 2 years overseas.

Ninth year in pro basketball and fifth with New York. Made 729 points in 65 games last season for 11.2 average. Knicks' second best scorer in 1953 playoffs with 145 in 11 games for 13.2 average. Also New York's second high scorer in 1952 playoffs with 222 in 14 for 15.9.

Skilled ball handler in pivot. Accurate two-hand set shot from outside. Came to Knicks in 1949 from Baltimore in trade for Sid Tanenbaum and Tommy Byrnes. Led Baltimore in scoring in 1948-49 with 779 points, 12th best in NBA. Went to Baltimore from Boston mid-season of 1947-48. Sparked Baltimore to title with 176 points in 11 playoff games. Led Boston in 1946-47 with 620.

One of few players left in pro league since its start in 1946. Key performer in Knicks' give-and-go style. Good hooker out of pivot. Married, 3 children.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1949-50	60	680	11.3	102	1950	5	42	8.4	7
1950-51	66	604	9.2	117	1951	14	152	10.9	24
1951-52	66	629	9.5	121	1952	14	222	15.9	12
1952-53	65	729	11.2	127	1953	11	145	13.2	25

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INDIVIDUAL PLAYOFF STATISTICS

New York Knickerbockers

Player	G	FG Att.	FG Made	FG Pct.	FT Att.	FT Made	Rebnd.	Assist.	Per. Fouls	Total Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Carl Braun	11	145	47	32.4	67	54	44	31	46	148	13.5
Connie Simmons	11	128	47	36.7	70	51	82	25	48	145	13.2
Ernie Vandeweghe	11	112	49	43.8	61	46	64	27	50	144	13.1
Nat Clifton	11	129	51	39.5	47	30	140	39	48	132	12.0
Vince Boryla	11	116	44	37.9	34	29	35	20	35	117	10.6
Harry Gallatin	11	86	36	41.9	59	44	120	15	29	116	10.5
Dick McGuire	11	59	24	40.7	55	35	63	70	25	83	7.5
Jerry Fleischman	2	3	2	66.7	13	6	5	7	7	10	5.0
Sherwin Raiken	4	5	4	80.0	1	0	1	2	3	8	2.0
Al McGuire	7	14	3	21.4	7	0	7	9	11	6	0.9
Dick Surhoff	4	4	2	50.0	0	0	2	2	2	4	1.0

DICK McGUIRE

Age--27, born Jan. 26, 1926 in New York City.
Height--6-0. Weight--180.
Home--Rockaway Beach, N.Y. College--St. John's (Brooklyn)

Service record--28 months in Navy.

This famous playmaker and ball handler is in his fifth season with New York. Led NBA in assists in 1949-50 with 386. Fourth past two years. Scored 437 points last season, missing 12 games because of injuries. Led the pros in assists in last three playoffs, with 78 in 1951, 90 in 1952 and 70 in 1953. Made 591 points in 1951-52 with 43.0 shooting average. All-NBA second team in 1950-51. Captained Knicks two years.

Key man in New York's fast break, tireless and amazing rebounder for height. Good set shot, strong driver for lay-ups.

St. John's University captain and leading scorer from 1947 through 1949. Voted No. 1 player in St. John's history. Four times All-New York City first team selection, twice winner of Haggerty Award as best player in the New York Metropolitan District. Only unanimous choice on the 1948-49 All-Met team. All-America second team pick three times. Played at Dartmouth and Great Lakes as naval trainee during World War II. Played two seasons at St. John's under Joe Lapchick, present Knick coach. Did not take up basketball until junior year at high school. Single.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1949-50	68	584	8.6	386*	1950	5	63	12.6	27
1950-51	64	537	8.4	400#	1951	14	74	5.3	78#
1951-52	64	591	9.2	388#	1952	14	145	10.4	90#
1952-53	61	437	7.2	296#	1953	11	83	7.5	70#

*League Leader #Playoffs Leader
#Team Leader

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AL McGUIRE

Age--25, born Sept. 7, 1928 in New York City.
Height--6-2. Weight--185.
Home--Rockaway, N.Y. College--St. John's of Brooklyn.

Younger brother of Dick McGuire and, like Dick, former captain at St. John's. Third season with Knicks. Exceptionally skilled on defense. Good shot on drive-ins and one-hand pops. Hustler and inspirational force on teammates. Drew national attention last winter for defensive work against Boston's great Bob Cousy.

Handicapped by series of injuries last season, including broken jaw, sustained in auto accident, and fractured nose. Played with special face mask. Scored 352 points.

Very speedy, ran on St. John's University track team. Hit 50 seconds flat for quarter and two minutes for half. Works in father's tavern in off season. Expects to join New York police force when he quits basketball. Married, two children.

KNICKERBOCKER CAREER

	Regular Season					Playoffs			
	Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.		Games	Points	Avg.	Assts.
1951-52	59	208	3.5	107	1952	13	60	4.6	14
1952-53	58	352	6.1	55	1953	7	6	0.9	9

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SEASON PLAYER RECORDS

New York Knickerbockers

Player	G	FG Att.	FG Made	FG Pct.	FT Att.	FT Made	Rebnd.	Assist.	Per. Fouls	Total Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Carl Braun	70	807	323	40.0	401	331	233	243	287	977	14.0
Harry Gallatin	70	635	282	44.4	430	301	916	126	224	865	12.4
Nat Clifton	70	794	272	34.3	343	200	761	231	274	744	10.6
Ernie Vandeweghe	61	625	272	43.5	244	187	342	144	242	731	12.0
Connie Simmons	65	637	240	37.7	340	249	458	127	252	729	11.2
Vince Boryla	66	686	254	37.0	201	165	233	166	226	673	10.2
Dick McGuire	61	373	142	38.1	269	153	280	296	172	437	7.2
Al McGuire	58	287	112	39.0	201	128	167	145	206	352	6.1
Max Zaslofsky	29	320	123	38.4	142	98	75	55	81	344	11.9
Dick Surhoff	26	61	13	21.3	30	19	25	9	36	45	1.7
Sherwin Raiken	6	21	3	14.3	8	3	8	6	10	9	1.5

JIM BAECHTOLD

Age--25, born Dec. 9, 1927 in McKeesport, Pa.
Height--6-4. Weight--205.
Home--Coraopolis, Pa. College--Eastern Kentucky.

Service record--2 years in Army, overseas duty.

Came to Knicks last Summer from Baltimore in trade for Max Zaslofsky. Second year in league. Standout rookie last winter with Bullets, scoring 661 points in 64 games for 10.3 average. His 39 pct. shooting average second best on Baltimore. Made 30 points against New York in one game last season.

Played four years at Eastern Kentucky, scoring 443 points in senior campaign for 19.2 average. One-hand jump shooter. Majored in physical education at Eastern, plans to coach eventually.

Went into Army after high school. Served with 1st Cavalry in Japan during occupation. Discharged in 1948, entered Eastern that Fall. Played football in high school and Army, but not at Eastern. Single.

NIELD GORDON (New York Knickerbockers)

Age 22, 6-6, 192 lbs., Furman, first season with Knicks. A top draft choice. One of nation's leading collegiate scorers last year with 655 points in 27 games for 24.3 average. Fifth nationally in field goals with 249, seventh in field goal percentage, 51.6, and his 52 points against Charleston was second highest single game total for 1952-53. Played in 1953 East-West All Star Game in Madison Square Garden. Furman's top rebounder past two seasons. Lives in Washington, D. C.

DICK ATHA (New York Knickerbockers)

Age 22, 6-2, 190 lbs., from Indiana State College, lives in Otterbein, Ind. First season with Knicks. Outstanding in mid-western collegiate basketball past three years, totalling 1,119 points and starting 85 consecutive games for Indiana State. Named to 1953 Helms Foundation All-America team and to the 1953 NAIB tournament five after scoring 98 points in five games, including single game NAIB record of 32 against Arkansas Tech. Excellent pro prospect.

ED SMITH

Age--24, born July 5, 1929 in West Jefferson, Ohio
Height--6-6. Weight--210.
Home--Columbus, Ohio. College--Harvard.

First season with Knicks and first year in pro basketball after serving past two in Army, playing service ball at Ft. Knox and Ft. Meyer. Captained 1950-51 Harvard team. All-Ivy League center in 1951 and runner-up to Penn's Ernie Beck in scoring with 227 points in 12 league games for 18.9 average. Played in 1951 East-West All-Star Game in Madison Square Garden. Led Ivy League in field goal percentage in 1949-50 with .397. Averaged 20 points per game in freshman year. Good outside shot, strong rebounder.

BUDDY ACKERMAN

Age--22, born Sept. 4, 1931 in New York City.
Height--6-0. Weight--175.
Home--Rockaway, N.Y. College--Long Island U.

Played one season of varsity at LIU as sophomore in 1950-51. Last year with Manchester in American League. Backcourt man, deft ball handler and accurate one-hand shooter. Starred three seasons with Metropolitan High in New York City. Skilled at feeding big men. Starter on LIU freshman five of 1949-50.

New York Madison Square Garden-Armory Records

Most Points, Game, Individual	48	Geo. Mikan, Mpls. vs. New York	2-22-49
Most Points, Game, Team	108	New York vs. Providence	2-4-48
Most Field Goals, Game, Individual	18	Geo. Mikan, Mpls. vs. New York	2-22-49
Most Field Goals, Game, Team	46	Chicago vs. Boston (at M.S.G.)	3-16-49
Most Free Throws Made, Game, Individual	18	Carl Braun, New York vs. Wash.	2-22-50
Most Free Throws Made, Game, Team	43	New York vs. Chicago	12-10-50
Most Fouls Committed, Game, Team	44	Washington vs. New York	2-22-50
Most Points, Game, Both Teams	190	Washington (97) vs. New York (93)	1-23-49

N.B.A. PLAYOFFS

EASTERN DIVISION

SERIES A

New York defeated Baltimore, 2 games to 0

March 17 ..... Baltimore 62 at New York 80
March 20 ..... New York 90 at Baltimore 81

Boston defeated Syracuse, 2 games to 0

March 19 ..... Boston 87 at Syracuse 81
March 21 ..... Syracuse 105 at Boston 111 (4-OT)

SERIES B

New York defeated Boston, 3 games to 1

March 25 ..... Boston 91 at New York 95
March 26 ..... New York 70 at Boston 86
March 28 ..... Boston 82 at New York 101
March 29 ..... New York 82 at Boston 75

WESTERN DIVISION

SERIES A

Ft. Wayne defeated Rochester, 2 games to 1

March 20 ..... Ft. Wayne 84 at Rochester 77
March 22 ..... Rochester 83 at Ft. Wayne 71
March 24 ..... Ft. Wayne 67 at Rochester 65

Minneapolis defeated Indianapolis, 2 games to 0

March 22 ..... Indianapolis 69 at Minneapolis 85
March 23 ..... Minneapolis 81 at Indianapolis 79

SERIES B

Minneapolis defeated Fort Wayne, 3 games to 2

March 26 ..... Fort Wayne 73 at Minneapolis 83
March 28 ..... Fort Wayne 75 at Minneapolis 82
March 30 ..... Minneapolis 95 at Fort Wayne 98
April 1 ..... Minneapolis 82 at Fort Wayne 85
April 2 ..... Fort Wayne 58 at Minneapolis 74

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Minneapolis defeated New York, 4 games to 1

April 4 ..... New York 96 at Minneapolis 88
April 5 ..... New York 71 at Minneapolis 73
April 7 ..... Minneapolis 90 at New York 75
April 8 ..... Minneapolis 71 at New York 69
April 10 ..... Minneapolis 91 at New York 84